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LAVACA COUNTY.

How to Develop It and Increase Its Growth

Lavaca county is only half developed. Its magnificent resources are exhaustible, and it can furnish homes to thousands. In the eastern states of Tenn., Miss., Va. and Ga. are thousands of young men who are anxious to find homes and farms in the west. If the advantages of southwestern Texas were made known to them many of them would settle here. All roads lead to Texas and the next five years will mark an epoch in the history of the state. All over the state railroads are being built and it will only be a short time until Lavaca county will have a direct route to the Gulf. The Air line will shorten the distance from here to shipping point by fifty miles and it is only a question of time until it will be built. From the exhausted farming lands of the east and the over crowded nations of Europe people coming to settle up the grazing lands and transform this part of the state into the most productive region in the United States.

It is in order that this change be speedily consummated, the splendid natural advantages afforded by this county should be published to the world. Climatically this county is all that it should be, the winters are mild and snow seldom falls. The air is pure and buoyant and lung diseases are almost unknown. The summers are very cool as compared with other parts of the United States. A gentleman from Mississippi, recently remarked to us that the hottest days that we had here were cool compared with the summer days back in the eastern state. Said he: "I have been all through the Southern states and no where have I found such a delightful climate as you have right here in Lavaca county." The nights are wonderfully cool and there is always a splendid breeze from the southwest at night. The rainfall is very evenly proportioned and there is always an abundance of stream water the year round. Droughts sometime occur, but less frequently than in other parts of the south and west. There is an abundance of running water all through the county and the water supply is more than sufficient everywhere except at Yoakum. Fruit flourishes exceedingly well and orchards set speedily attain maturity. Peaches, figs, peaches and grapes make splendid crops and wild berries are gathered by the hundreds of gallons. Eastern men who are looking forward to finding new homes should consider that here

in southwest Texas nature has been prodigal of her blessings and everything combines to make it the most desirable country for settlement of any part of the United States. A soil that is practically inexhaustible, convenient shipping points by rail and by water, are factors that go to make southern Texas the most desirable agricultural region in the south. The present day marks the close of a long period of depression in real estate values. This depression was caused by unhealthy speculation and was the natural result of such operations. From this on, however there will be a steady, healthy advance in land and property values confidence has been restored and at no time has there been such a splendid opportunity to secure valuable land and real estate at low figures as at present. Capital is beginning to pour into the state and the east is awakening to the fact that the southwest is outstripping it in the race. The tide is setting this way but the first comers will receive the greatest benefit. The center of wealth and population will ultimately be Texas, and when that day comes Lavaca county will be the wealthiest county in the state.

LOCALS.

—Ed Merselburger went to Fayette county, Tuesday, on a visit.
—Emmit Smith is in charge of the P. O. during the absence of his brother.

As the Gazette goes to the press Mrs. Lau is reported dying. Later:—Mrs. Lau died at 4 o'clock Wednesday eve.

—Flato and Green's new lumber yard crowded with wagons all day, Saturday, their sales of lumber for the day amounted to about 6000 feet. People are flocking to Shiner from all over the country, to buy their lumber as they can get it cheaper here than in either Hallettsville or Yoakum.

—Commencing August 1st, I will sell 30 days all of my summer stock of white and colored lawn, muslins, etc. at cost prices. I guarantee every thing to be new and just received this spring. Call and be convinced that I mean just what I say.

W. D. WOFFORD

—Flato and Green have secured the services of Mr. Gus Eschenburg as salesman and book-keeper for their new lumber yard. They are to be congratulated as Mr. Eschenburg speaks German and Rhenish and has hosts of friends all through this section of country.

—The baggage car on the Gonzales train presented a delapidated appearance on its arrival from Yoakum Tuesday eve. The whole end of the car was stove in caused by the lumber on a flat car shifting. Baggage master Smith was in the car at the time and was considerably shaken up.

—Another business change took place, Saturday. Tom Burkett retired from the firm of Carnes and Burkett and the firm now reads Carnes and Carnes. Ralph Carnes, the new member of the firm is a native of Louisiana and moved to Texas during the war and has resided in the state since 1863.

—Miss Ragsdale, one of Flatonia's most charming young ladies was visiting Mrs. Amster last week. Miss Ragsdale took a several year course at the Boston conservatory of music and her musical talents are marked.

—E. F. Elder manager of the Carnes Milling and Ginning Co. Cuero, was the guest of Mr. W. D. Wofford, Sunday. He left Monday for Gonzales, being a witness in the celebrated Augustine case set for the 25th.

—Rudolph Welhausen and Holt Richter purchased the city theater, Friday, of C. H. Flato. The boys have plenty of energy and we have no doubt but what they will make a success of their new enterprise.

—When it comes to wide awake people S. H. Rodgers the lightning rod man is hard to beat. He rodded the Wiseman house, the residence of Wm. Dickson, Mr. Kapetsky and several others this last week and will probably rod the Catholic church.

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James Gray—Galveston, J. H. Isaacs—Houston, S. B. Rodgers—Waco, W. R. McFatter Jackson Miss. F. R. Harris—St. Louis; Messrs. Ash and Badger.

—Interviews with our Physicians resulted as follows: Dr. Eldson—Health is unusually good and every body, in fact seems to be in good spirits and excellent health. Dr. Nave—There is but one serious case of sickness in this vicinity now. Dr. Smith—Yes, Shiner certainly has a very healthy location. Pure air and good water are the greatest promoters of health, and Shiner certainly has both and it is no wonder that the people of this town have such good health the year round. As regard the pure air, the editor of the GAZETTE can attest as to its health giving qualities. He was at one time troubled with hemorrhage of the lungs and was unable to find relief in either Florida, Colorado or southern California, but since he has been in Texas he has affected a complete cure. Talk about your health resorts; we have one right here in Shiner.

New Era Worlds Fair Contest.
Below is the last count in the New Era Worlds Fair Contest which closes August 21st at 9 o'clock in the evening:

SHINER.
Miss Henrietta Richter.....1015
" Virgie Smith.....1015
HALLETSVILLE.
Miss K. McKnight.....642
" Alva Searey.....32
" Maude Ellis.....25
" May Berra.....23
" Mamie Howerton.....10
" Maude Valentine.....7
" Louie Shoemaker.....7
" Annie Linnenberg.....6
" Ina Willis.....6
YOAKUM.

Miss Ora Webb.....8
SHINER—Chaperone.
Mrs. Ed. Wangemann.....103
HALLETSVILLE—Chaperone.
Mrs. Ella Tippet.....68
Mrs. W. Hawkins.....35
" A. L. Elstner.....8
" Ferd Lehman.....7
" D. A. Paulus.....9
" E. W. King.....6

We note that the New Era is not only going to pay the expenses of the three ladies on a trip to see the Worlds Fair, but has provided for them to see the attractions of Midway plaisance and at night to go to see the large theaters of Chicago and other amusement of the great metropolis. Mr. Blakeslee evidently proposes to give the three successful ladies such a trip as it would be impossible obtain under ordinary circumstances.

And Hallettsville did not get there in this weeks vote.

We must not rest quiet on that contest. Nothing like keeping up the lead.

It is whispered that Yoakum will be in the New Era contest at the close. Maybe so, we will see at the close and go you some better.

The New Era contest closes August 21st, not quite a month of a little work now will come in gold play later on.

On of the conditions of the New Era Contest is that all July coupons must be voted in that month remember this and send in the July coupons by next Monday.

C. H. FLATO.

WM. GREEN.

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